Flaws in Sethu Samudram Mega-project

414. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANS PORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Tad Murty (NRI Scientist) has found certain flaws in the construction of Sethu Samudram Mega-project and has expressed certain apprehensions over control of Tsunami as a result;

(b) if so, the details of flaws and his apprehensions;

(c) whether he has suggested certain corrections in the model of the project to overcome the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how far the new model would help to save the population of our coastline?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of rubberised roads

415. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experiments for the construction of rubberised roads have been carried out;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount earmarked for this purpose indicating the utilization thereof, till date;

(d) whether Government propose to construct rubberised road in Mumbai; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which construction of such roads would commence in Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The Ministry had carried out a study under the Research Scheme R-54 amounting to Rs 7.46 lakhs to investigate the effect of use of rubber and polymer